

**Winton Middle School
8th Grade Promotion Activities
End-of-the-Year Celebrations**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of your child's middle school years, we look forward to celebrating this important milestone with several **special end-of-the-year activities for our 8th grade students**. This is an exciting time for our students as they prepare to move on to high school, and we are proud of all they have accomplished during their time at Winton.

The information below outlines the upcoming activities and celebrations so that families can plan accordingly. Thank you for your continued support as we celebrate the Class of 2026 and all they have contributed to our school community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Tess
Principal

Dates to Remember

Friday, May 15

Notification of non-participation in promotion activities.

Participation in all 8th grade activities is based on academic and citizenship requirements as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook. Students must have a cumulative 8th-grade GPA of at least 2.0 and no F's in order to participate in end-of-the-year activities. *Parents are encouraged to regularly check their student's most up-to-date grades through **Infinite Campus**. Monitoring grades in Infinite Campus will help families stay informed about their child's progress and ensure there are no surprises as we approach the end of the school year.*

Monday, June 1

8th Grade Promotion Breakfast (Regular Day Bell Schedule)

Our 8th grade students will begin their final week at Winton with a **special Promotion Breakfast**. This event provides an opportunity for students to gather with their classmates and teachers to celebrate their time at Winton before moving on to high school. Students will enjoy breakfast together while reflecting on the friendships, experiences, and memories they have shared throughout their middle school years. ***If any parents or guardians would like to volunteer to help support the breakfast, please reach out to our Family Engagement Specialist, Mrs. Martinez, at jm365@husd.k12.ca.us, or Assistant Principal George Mitsopoulous at gmitsopoulous@husd.k12.ca.us. We welcome and appreciate the support of our families in helping make this a special event for our students.***

Tuesday, June 2 (Minimum Day Bell Schedule)

Wildcat Summer Send-Off Field Day

Wildcat Summer Send-Off Field Day will be a fun and active day for our 7th and 8th grade students. Students will participate in a variety of games and outdoor activities designed to build school spirit, teamwork, and positive connections with their peers. This event allows students to celebrate the end of the school year together in a fun and energetic way.

Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 4 (Minimum Day Bell Schedule)

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Friday, June 5, 2026
Multipurpose Room

The promotion ceremonies will be age-appropriate for middle school students and will center around the theme: "Our Community. Our Culture. Our Future."

During the ceremony we will celebrate the unique community that makes Winton such a special place. A video presentation will highlight the programs, activities, and experiences that help shape the culture of our school and the many ways our students contribute to it. This moment will recognize the journey our students have shared together and celebrate the bright future that awaits them as they move on to high school.

Promotion Rules

- Balloons, strollers, and noisemakers are **not allowed** at the promotion ceremony.
- Pictures may be taken **outside** the Multipurpose Room following the ceremony.

Tickets

- Each student will be issued **two numbered tickets** for the ceremony. *Unfortunately, additional tickets are not available.*
- Handicap seating may be requested; however, due to space limitations, this area is reserved for the individual requiring accommodations and one additional guest.
- Please note that **children aged two and older** must have their own seat and therefore **require a ticket**.

Parking

Families will park on the blacktop/field area. **Please have your two numbered promotion tickets** readily available to show attendants when entering the parking area. After parking, all guests should proceed to the front entrance of the Multipurpose Room, where staff will collect tickets before guests are admitted to the ceremony.

Promotion Ceremony Times

Last Names A–F (+ Room 11)

Seating: 8:45 AM

Ceremony: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Last Names G–M

Seating: 10:45 AM

Ceremony: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Last Names N–Z

Seating: 1:45 PM

Ceremony: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

*Students will attend the **promotion ceremony assigned to them** based on their last name grouping and **may not attend other ceremony times**. This helps ensure that each ceremony runs smoothly and that seating remains available for families of the students being recognized.*